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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

George ISHIKAMA, et al.

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Examiner:

For: OPTICAL WAVELENGTH MULTIPLEX TRANSMISSION METHOD AND

OPTICAL DISPERSION COMPENSATION METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed to add new claims for consideration by the Examiner. Therefore, please enter this Preliminary Amendment before examination of the present application.